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SUBJECT: SITE OF SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: STATE 23920

1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR BRUCE INFORMED SYG LUNS FEBRUARY 3 THAT THE U.K. HAD REFUSED TO HOST THE NAC SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING IN LONDON. STATING THAT WASHINGTON REMAINED UNAVAILABLE AS A VENUE, AMBASSADOR ASKED IF LUNS THOUGHT PARIS MIGHT AGREE TO HOST MEETING. LUNS REPLIED THAT PARIS HAD ALREADY BEEN CONSIDERED BUT FRENCH INSISTED THEY WOULD HOST MEETING ONLY WHEN THEIR TURN COMES UP IN NORMAL ROTATION.

2. AS TO LUXEMBOURG AS POSSIBLE HOST CITY, LUNS CITED GREAT DIFFICULTIES GOL FACED IN MOUNTING MINISTERIAL HOSPITALITY, PARTICULARLY WHEN THIS CONFLICTED WITH DUTY TO HOST EC. AS TO BRUSSELS AS POSSIBLE VENUE, LUNS AGREED THAT HOLDING MINISTERIAL IN BELGIUM MIGHT BE TAKEN AS INDICATION NATO WAS NOT WELCOME IN OTHER ALLIED CAPITALS. LUNS REVIEWED THAT GREEKS HAD REFUSED TO ATTEND MINISTERIAL IN ANKARA WHILE NORWAY HAD AGREED TO HOST MEETING ONLY IN 1976.

3. LUNS BELIEVES THAT, ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN SITE OF SPRING 1972 MINISTERIAL, BONN MIGHT BE PREPARED TO HOST FORTHCOMING MEETING. MISSION EXPECTS, THEREFORE, THAT LUNS WILL RAISE THIS POSSIBILITY IN NEAR FUTURE WITH AMBASSADOR KRAPF AND
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